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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)  
Food and Drug Administration  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Sirs:

RE: Docket #98N-1038 Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food

I am adamantly opposed to irradiated food. Because it seems there are those who are going to do it anyway, regardless of the health damage it will cause to all who consume them, it is essential that all irradiated food be CLEARLY LABELED in large enough print that all can read it. Those who don't know any better will not pay attention and buy the dead food anyway. Those of us who do know and care about our health will have the choice to refuse to buy it or run the risk. Please mark it plainly with easily understandable terms. "Cold Pasteurization" and "electronic pasteurization" are misleading and confusing terms and should not be allowed as labeling.

If food is dead, it can't possibly produce life in our bodies. Example: Dead seeds planted in the ground do not sprout and produce life, they ROT. I don't want my body or the bodies of my family to die and rot before their time. Like irradiated food, those dead seeds don't show they are no good until they are put in water or soil at which time they decay and stink instead of grow. One of the groups that will benefit from irradiated food is the medical profession treating the sick. But if they use the same kind of food, they won't be around to reap the dollars. DOLLARS AND GREED are the motivation for this whole plan of radiation and in time it will destroy us. Is that what you want for yourself and your family?

Please if you won't outlaw the killing of our food, at least make CLEAR, SPECIFIC LABELING MANDATORY ON ALL IRRADIATED FOOD.

Thank you for taking time to read my letter. Please give it fair, honest consideration.

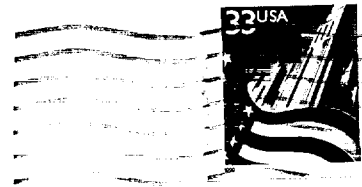
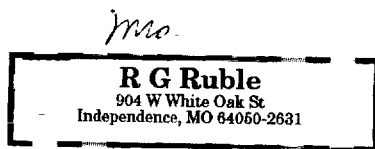
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